DIEV ET MON DROIT.

HEREAS

By the Grace of God King of England, Scotland, France, and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, &c. To all and singuler Archbishops, Bishops, Archdeacons, Deanes, and their Officials; Parsons, Vicars, Curats, and to all Spirituall Parsons. And also to all Justices of Peace, Maiors, Sheriffes, Bayliffes, Constables, Churchwardens, and Headboroughes; And to all Officers of Cities, Boroughes, and Townes Corporate; And to all other our Officers, Ministers and Subiects whatsoeuer they bee, aswell within Liberties, as without, to whome these Presents shall come, Greeting.

WHEREAS by the humble Supplication & Petition of our louing Seruant Sir Richard Graham knight & Baronet on behalfe of our Queries, we are credibly giuen to vnderstand that he hath formerly had a Grant vnder our great Seale, & Dutchy Seale, for the building of ꝑ Church of Kirkeanders, with Two Chappels of Ease within our County of Cumberland, tendering vpon our kingdome of Scotland, for ꝑ better education & Instruction of ꝑ people there, for want of which they are run into many inconueniences. And that our Seruant hath vndertaken for ꝑ finishing thereof to farre as his ability will extend & cannot finish it, the charge thereof being to great for him to vnder ꝑ & hath therefore most humbly besought his [illegible] Princely zeale to workes of this nature, Wee would be graciously pleased to grant vnto him our Letters Patents for some helpe to be made therein by way of a Collection of the charity of well disposed people. And whereas vpon further consideration taken of this extraordinary cale, wee are giuen to vnderstand by speciall Certificats, vnder the hands of our trusty and welbeloued Subiects Sir Phillip Musgraue, and Sir Patricke Curwen, Baronets, Sir Edward Musgraue, Sir George Dalston, Sir Henry Blincowe, Sir Iohn Lowther, Sir Thomas Carleton, and Sir Thomas Dacre knights, and Anthony Hutton, Esquiors Justices of the Peace within our foresayd County of Cumberland, That our Royall Father king Iames of blessed memory, did for the Church of Arthurett adioyning, grant a Collection by way of a Briefe towards so charitable a worke, by which meanes the said Church is built all but the Steeple, But the Church of Kirkeanders lyeth as yet vnbuilt, and the Parishioners thereof are inforced to goe to Arthurett Church ouer the River Eske, When they can passe for the said River which is very seldome, their being neither Church nor Chappell in the Parish of Kirkeanders for reading diuine Seruice, And therefore they haue commended the same vnto vs, And that they haue also seene an estimate of ꝑ Charge, vnder the hands of Masons, Carpenters, and Joyners, which will Amount vnto the Summe of Three Thousand Pounds at the least, for building the Church and Two Chappels of Ease, according to our late direction vnder our great Seale and Dutchy Seale, And therefore they haue likewise desired our furtherance therein for so pyous a worke, it being the principall meanes to informe our Subiects there in the true grounds of Christianity, whereof they stand in great need. Now forasmuch as we tendring the glory of God, and comfort and Saluation of the Soules of our louing Subiects, as also vpon the humble request of our foresaid Justices, and likewise vpon the humble Petition of our aforesaid Seruant Sir Richard Graham, haue condiscended thereunto for a Collection to be made within certaine Countyes and places hereafter mentioned. Not doubting but that all good Christians considering the premisses, will be ready and willing, (and the rather for our Commendation) to extend their liberall contributions, towards the furtherance of so godly and religious a worke.

KNOW ye therefore, that of Our especiall grace and Princely compassion we haue giuen & granted, and by these Our Letters Patents doe giue and grant vnto our said Seruant Sir Richard Graham, and to his Deputy and Deputies the Bearer or Bearers hereof, full power, Licence, and authority, to aske, gather, receiue, and take the Almes and charitable benevolence of all our louing Subiects, whatsoeuer Inhabiting, within our Cities of London and Westminster, with the Suburbs and liberties thereof, And in our Counties of Cumberland, Northumberland, Westmerland, Durham, Lancaster, Yorke, Derby, Nottingham, Lincolne, Rutland, Leicester, Northampton, Bedford, Hertford, Middlesex, Essex, Kent, Surrey, Cambridge, Norfolke, and Suffolke, our Citty of Carlioll, Our Towne and County of Newcastle vpon Tyne, our Cities of Durham, and Yorke, our Townes and Counties of Kingstone vpon Hull, and Nottingham, our Cities of Lincolne, Peterborough, Canterbury, and Rochester, with our Cinque Ports, Our Borough of Southwarke, our Vniuersity of Cambridge, and Isle of Ely, our Citty of Norwich, and Towne and County of the same. And in all other Cities, Townes Corporate, Priuiledged places, Parishes, Villages, and in all other places whatsoeuer within our said Counties, and not elsewhere, for and towards the building of the said Church, and Two Chappels of Ease.

WHEREFORE We will and command you, and euery of you, that at such time and times as the said Sir Richard Graham, his Deputy or Deputies, the Bearer or Bearers hereof, shall come and repayre to any your Churches, Chappels, or other Places, to aske, and receiue the gratuities and charitable benevolence of our said Subiects, quietly to permit and suffer them so to do, without any manner your let or contradiction. And you the said Parsons, Vicars, and Curats, for the better stirring vp of a charitable deuotion, deliberately to publish and declare the Tenour of these our Letters Patents, or the Coppy or Briefe hereof, vnto our said Subiects vpon some Sabbath day when as the same shall be tendred vnto you, Exhorting and perswading them to extend their liberall contributions in so good and godly a Deed.

AND You the Churchwardens of euery Parish where such Collection is to bee made (as aforesaid) to Collect and gather the Almes and charitable benevolence of all our louing Subiects, aswell strangers as others. And what shall bee by you so gathered, to be by the Minister and your selues endorsed on the backside of these our Letters Patents, or the Coppy or Briefe hereof, in words at length, and not in Figures; And the Summe and Summes of Money so gathered and endorsed, to deliuer to the Bearer or Bearers of these our Letters Patents, and to no other person, when as thereunto you shall be required. Any Statute, Law, Ordinance, or Prouision heretofore made to the contrary in any wise Notwithstanding.

IN Witnesse whereof We haue caused these our Letters to be made Patents for the space of One whole Yeare next after the date hereof to endure. Witnes Our selfe at Westminster, the Eight day of November, in the Tenth Yeare of Our Raigne.

God saue the King.

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